Release of the film 'Bombay'

6077. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that protests are being expressed in Bombay, Bhopal and in other parts of the country over the film 'Bombay' released recently;

(b) whether the distributors of the above film are preparing to release this film in Bombay with the assistance of Shiv Sena workers;

(c) whether the above film was cleared by the Censor Board and if so, what was the criteria adopted therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to ban the above film keeping in view the sentiments of the public; and

(e) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen media reports of some protests about the film from some parts of the country. At present, the film is being exhibited in most parts of the country.

(b) Government are not aware of involvement of Shiv Sena workers in the release of the film at Bombay.

(c) Yes, Sir. The film has been certified in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and guidelines issued thereunder.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal to ban the film.

Check in newsprint price

6078. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRI SATICHIDANANDA:

SMT. VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in 'The Hindustan Times', dated the 12th April, 1995, under the caption "Government urged to check newsprint price hike";

(b) if so, the main demands of the Indian Newspaper Society;

(c) whether Government will accede to those demands in the interest of the survival of the newspapers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) had urged the Government to decontrol standard newsprint with no duty and to do away with the stipulation of necessarily lifting of two units of indigenous newsprint for every one unit of newsprint imported.

(c) Government have made all types of newsprint including glazed newsprint freely importable by all persons with effect from 1-5-1995 vide Ministry of Commerce's Notification No. 3(RE)/92—97 dated 30.4.1995.

(d) Does not arise.